

**AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:**

Please amend the Abstract as follows, a clean copy of the amended Abstract is attached as a separate sheet:

A glutamine-auxotrophic human cell transfected with an exogenous DNA sequence encoding a protein or an exogenous DNA sequence capable of altering the expression of an endogenous gene encoding a protein and an exogenous DNA sequence encoding a glutamine synthetase, wherein these exogenous DNA sequences are located on one or more than one DNA construct, ~~the said~~-transfected cell capable of producing ~~the said~~-protein and capable of growing in a glutamine-free medium.